

## PRESS BRIEFING

### New impulses for circular economy: Federal Minister Rupprechter presents the Hans Roth environmental prize!

**Vienna - Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter presented the awards to the three winners of the Hans Roth environmental prize at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management in presence of donor and Saubermacher founder Hans Roth.**

“Austria is a pioneer in the environmental technology domain. Especially the Austrian waste management technologies are exemplary. The sector being an innovative one, it needs impulses from research. The Hans Roth environmental prize is a benchmark”, states Minister Rupprechter.

“I am especially glad, that we were again able to award highly innovative research papers with the Hans Roth environmental prize. We want to promote young academics, who in turn give valuable impulses for companies”, adds Hans Roth.

Saubermacher sees it as a challenge to contribute to an exchange between science, economy, engineering and environment protection. The Hans Roth Saubermacher environmental prize was created in 2003 in order to promote this interchange. The prizes, remunerated with 2.000 € each, are awarded to graduate and postgraduate students for outstanding research papers with a connection to environment protection and circular economy. The emphasis was put on specific suggestions and methods, as well as authenticity and practicability for their execution and the economic utility in everyday life. An independent jury determines the winners.

#### **The awardees 2014:**

**Melanie Rogetzer**, Montanuniversität Leoben, convinced the jury with her master thesis “Theoretical and practical analysis of solid recovered fuels (SRF)”. Her academic advisor Univ. Prof. Dr. Roland Pomberger commented her thesis as follows: “Theory and praxis were well combined, Ms Rogetzer went into detail, spent a lot of time on the paper and examined a very up-to-date waste specific topic.”

**Barbara Rautner**, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, wrote about “Biologic waste treatment in Styria and its contribution to climate protection.” “Barbara Rauters master thesis was nearly as extensive as a dissertation would be. The paper impresses with its diversity in topics (logistics, treatment and material flow) the amount of own research, own data and graphics, as well as the praxis section with theoretical reference”, explains her sponsor, Univ. Prof. Dr. Rupert Baumgartner.

**Dana Vyzinkarova**, Universität Wien, rejoiced about the honoring of her thesis “SFA of POP Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers – Sources, pathways and sinks“. The well-drawn conclusions and the practically relevant development impressed not only the jury, but also her academic advisor Univ. Prof. Dr. Paul H. Brunner. The article has also been published in the prestigious „Journal of Industrial Ecology“ magazine.

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